

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Word
September 28, 2025 | 11:00AM

GATHERING IN PRAISE

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

“Rock of Ages” arr. Cook

The Lighting of the Candles

The Introit

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” arr. Hopson

The Opening Prayer

****The Hymn of Praise***

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” No. 110 (vs. 1, 2, 4)

The Children’s Moments

The Intercessory Prayers

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

****The Psalter*** Psalm 124 No. 846

****The Gloria Patri***

****The Prayer for Illumination***

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

****The Scripture Lesson*** 1 Samuel 4:1-11

This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Is God “on Our Side?” Does God Take Sides?

RESPONDING IN FAITH

****The Congregational Hymn***

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” No. 496 (vs. 1, 3)

The Apostles’ Creed No. 881

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

“No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus” Gretzinger
Rachel Wood, soloist

****The Doxology***

****The Hymn of Invitation***

“Be Still, My Soul” No. 534 (vs. 1,2)

SENDING FORTH

****The Congregational Blessing***

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

****The Benediction***

“Go in Peace” Hopson

****Postlude***

“Amazing Grace” arr. Cook

The flowers on the Altar are dedicated to the Glory of God
and given in loving memory of
Ann Bryan McClellan
by the Bill Atkins family.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glad You Asked! (Study) - Sometimes a sermon isn't enough! As we consider questions on Sunday mornings, you might find yourself wanting to agree, argue, analyze, or affirm the sermon or to ask questions about it. There are also some questions that we won't have time to address on Sunday mornings that we will consider together on Wednesday nights. We'll start each Wednesday at 5:30 and would love to learn with you.

Mums for Missions - We are now taking orders for mums. One gallon is \$10 and a three gallon is \$20. Yellow, bronze, white, red and lavender are the colors available. Call the church office at 662-494-1658 to place your order.

Deadline to order is today, Sunday, September 28. Pick up will be Saturday, October 4 from 9-11 a.m. at the Bryan Youth Center. All proceeds will go toward our next mission trip in 2026.

Church Picnic - Our church picnic will be held at Waverly Waters Pavilion immediately following the church service today. We will be serving hotdogs, baked beans, slaw, chips and desserts. There will be a bouncy house for the children. Please come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship.

Blessing of the Animals – Blessing of the Animals will be Sunday, October 5th, at the Harrell Chapel at 4:30pm. Bring your animals to be blessed by Brother Chad. Please have them on a leash or in a crate.

FUMC T-shirts – The FUMC t-shirts are in. You may pick them up in the church office.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming meetings.

09/29/25 at 5:00pm	CDC Board Meeting	Library
10/06/25 at 5:30pm	Leadership Council Meeting	Library
10/13/25 at 5:30pm	Personnel and Nominations	Library

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***Rev. Chad Bowen, Pastor
Rachel Wood, Music Ministries
Stacy Hays, Family Ministries
Kindal Gammill, Pianist***